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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Louis Hoffmann (3) _____
(2) Sam Howell (4) _____

Date of Interview 12-12-95

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes, brief description: _____

Agreement ☐ was reached with respect to some or all of the claims in question. ☐ was not reached.

Claims discussed: see attached summary

Identification of prior art discussed: _____

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: see attached summary

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☐ 1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph below has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW (e.g., items 1-7 on the reverse side of this form). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, then applicant is given one month from this interview date to provide a statement of the substance of the interview.

☐ 2. Since the examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the substance of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Sam Howell

Examiner's Signature

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1. The following is a summary of the interview of December 12, 1995.

It was agreed that the Wagenseil/Hughes articles did not meet any of the claims of 07/049,381. Mr. Hoffman pointed out figure 1 and columns 3-4 of the Lemelson '889 patent showing a workpiece being dropped off. Regarding claim 67, parts of columns 19-20 of the '256 patent will be added to the present specification to more clearly point out that the crane is a self propelled conveying means and that a plurality of them may be provided. Mr. Hoffman stated that claim 56 might be slightly amended. Such an amendment would be hand carried to the group in a couple of days. Mr. Hoffman pointed out page 36 of the January 27, 1993, response of 07/636,414 for a discussion of the Molins trial testimony.

It was agreed that it seems that the issues are simpler in 07/126,319, so the examiner will spend the next couple of days concentrating on that application in order to move it toward interference.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan Howell whose telephone number is (703) 308-1728.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howell".

December 12, 1995